

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **S269**

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TO:	The Honorable Glenn McConnell, Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee		
FROM:	Office of State Budget, Budget and Control Board		
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SUBJECT:	Governor's Toll Free Number		

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:
A Cost to the General Fund

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:
\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

BILL SUMMARY:

The proposed Bill amends Article 1, Chapter 3, Title 1 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, relating to general provisions affecting the Governor, by adding Section 1-3-60 to provide that the Governor must establish and maintain a toll-free telephone number to receive information, suggestions, and complaints concerning fraud, waste, abuse, mismanagement, misconduct, or unethical conduct violations of state or federal laws and wrongdoing in state government.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

A review of this Bill by the Governor's Office indicates there will an annual cost to the General Fund of the State of approximately \$36,616. This represents salary and fringe benefits for one Administrative Assistant position to take and complete the casework for the calls. There are also annual operating expenses of \$2,280 for office rent, supplies and an "800" telephone line. There is one-time cost of \$1,500 for office and computer equipment. First year costs can therefore be estimated at \$38,116.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

None.

SPECIAL NOTES:

The estimate above does not include the cost of modifying agency websites so as to prominently display this toll-free phone number.

Approved by:



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